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1. CONFIRMING PRE-HOLIDAY RUMORS OF PERSONNEL SHIFTS, GOG
ANNOUNCED JANUARY 1, 1974, FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AND
TRANSFERS IN HIGHER RANKS NATIONAL REDEMPTION COUNCIL REGIME:

LTCOL D.A. IDDISAH (A NORTHERNER), FORMER COMMISSIONER
BRONG-AHAFO REGION, BECOMES COMMISSIONER FOR TRADE AND
TOURISM AND A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL REDEMPTION COUNCIL (THUS
FILLING GAP IN ETHNIC REPRESENTATION LEFT BY RESIGNATION
LTCOL BENNI, ALSO A NORTHERNER).

MAJOR R.J. FELLI, FORMER COMMISSIONER TRADE AND TOURISM, BECOMES
COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING (FORMER MINISTRY OF
FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING SPLIT IN TWO, WITH NRC CHAIRMAN
ACHEAMPONG RETAINING FINANCE).

COL E.O. NYANTE, FORMER COMMISSIONER FOR VOLTA REGION, BECOMES
COMMISSIONER FOR EDUCATION, YOUTH AND CULTURE.

LTCOL P.K. NKEGBE, FORMER COMMISSIONER EDUCATION, YOUTH AND
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CULTURE, BECOMES COMMISSIONER FOR INDUSTRIES.

COL J.C. ADJEITEY, FORMER COMMISSIONER FOR INDUSTRIES, IS RETIRING ON QUOTE MEDICAL GROUNDS UNQUOTE, THE ONLY CASUALTY IN THIS ROUND OF MUSICAL CHAIRS, AND HE THE REPRESENTATIVE GA IN THE LEADERSHIP RANKS.

COL C.R.R. TACHIE-MENSON, FORMER COMMANDER SUPPORT SERVICES, GHANA ARMY, BECOMES COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION, A SLOT LEFT SUBSTANTIVELY VACANT SINCE LTCOL BENNI'S RESIGNATION IN MID-1973.

COL J.A. KOBORE, FORMER COMMANDER BORDER GUARDS, BECOMES COMMISSIONER YHI VOLTA REGION.

COL V. COKER-APPIAH, FORMER COMMISSIONER FOR WORKS AND HOUSING, BECOMES COMMISSIONER FOR BRONG-AHAFO REGION. THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL, MR. E.N. MOORE, HAS BEEN APPOINTED CONCURRENTLY TO WORKS AND HOUSING QUOTE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE UNQUOTE.

2. EMBASSY WAITING FOR THEIR SHOES TO DROP,SINCE THIS LIST DOES NOT CONTAIN COL ROBERT KOTEL, CURRENTLY STARRING FOR THE SECOND TIME IN AS MANY MONTHS AS THE PRIZE PROSECUTION WITNESS IN A SUBVERSION TRIAL, WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO GET A MAJOR JOB INSTEAD OF GOING OFF TO ENGLAND TO SENIORLITAFF COLEGE. HE THUS WOULD PROVIDE REPRESENTATION OF GA TRIBE ON EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, FILLING ETHNIC VAC*NCY LEFT BY ADJEITEY. NOR IS IT QUITE AS EXTENSIVE A CHAIR-HOPPING AS WE HAD UNDERSTOOD WAS PLANNED. PRESUMABLY SOME OF THOSE WHO WERE TO BE MOVED SUCCESSFULLY FOUGHT IT OFF THIS TIME. SO FAR, CHANGES ANNOUNCED APPEAR TO PORTEND LITTLE OF SIGNIFICANCE, BUT DO TEND TO SCOTCH THE PERSISTENT RUMORS THAT THE END OF THE YEAR WOULD SEE SOME CIVILIANS MOVE INTO A FEW COMMISSIONERSHIPS.
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